



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 9, 2007

### **S. 442**

#### **John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 1, 2007*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 442 would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent year for the Attorney General to establish a program to repay student loans for certain prosecutors and public defenders who agree to serve for at least three years in those positions. In addition, S. 442 would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study on the effects of accreditation requirements on law school costs and accessibility. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost about \$90 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting S. 442 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 442 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 442 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amount of \$25 million will be appropriated for 2008 and that similar amounts, adjusted for anticipated inflation, will be appropriated for each subsequent year. CBO expects that the GAO report would cost less than \$500,000 over the next year, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. For this estimate, CBO assumes that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar programs. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	25	26	27	27	28
Estimated Outlays	6	13	19	23	27

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

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